

Traveling Tips to the 500 Mile Race

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All roads may lead to Indianapolis but only a few will get you to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in time to see **qualifications on May 9, 10, 16 and 17 and the Indianapolis 500 Race on May 24, 2009.**

Starting Out

The routes are designed to get people to the race on time, but only if drivers allow themselves plenty of time. The earlier everyone arrives in Indianapolis the better. **Track gates will open at 6 a.m. race day, and the race begins at 1 p.m.** According to Indiana State Police Superintendent Paul Whitesell, fans should arrive at the Marion County line no later than 9 a.m. to assure seating at the track in time to view all pre-race activities and the start of the race.

When starting the trip early in the morning, make sure the car and everyone is ready for the day.

Getting to the Track

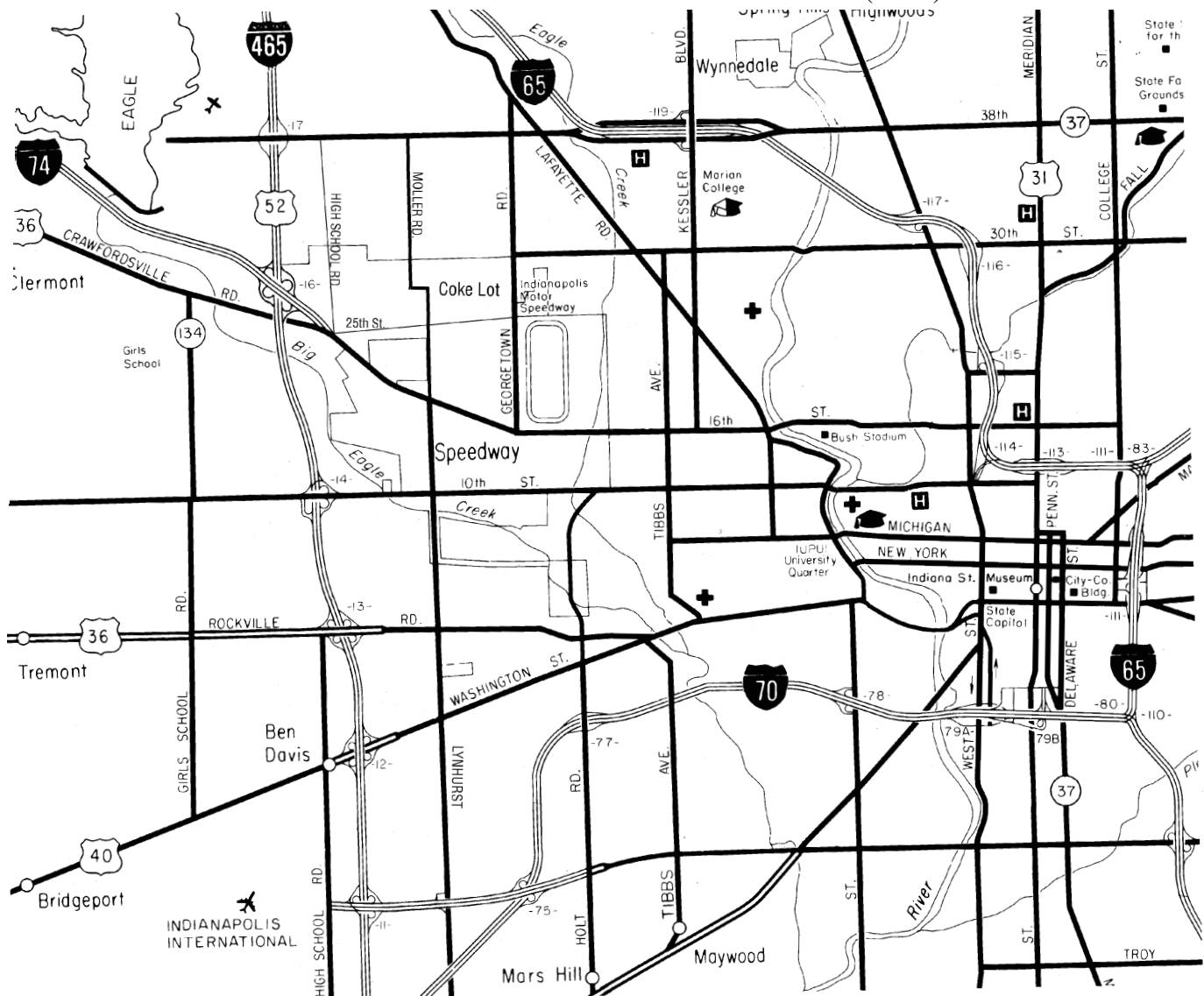
Now that you are ready to travel to the race, here are

the routes you need to take. The Indiana State Police suggest you follow these routes and the directions the officers working give you.

All public traffic will enter off of 30th Street. Vehicles on 30th Street will be routed into Gate 10 or any off-street parking along that road. Access to the Coca-Cola Plant (Lot 1) is also available via 30th Street.

A limited number of public access and parking is available at Gate 2 off of 16th Street. Once those limited number of spaces have been filled Gate 2 will be restricted to placard traffic only. Those without placards are encouraged to utilize Gate 10 off of 30th Street.

Campers and buses with the exception of those with proper placards will not be allowed inside the Speedway property. Sufficient parking is available in the Coca-Cola Plant (Lot 1) and other areas.



I-65

Drivers using I-65 in the downtown area and wanting to utilize infield parking should exit at 30th Street west bound to Gate 10. Access to the Coca-Cola Plant (Lot 1) is also available via 30th Street.

All drivers coming from the north, northwest or northeast on either I-465 or I-65 are encouraged to use I-465 west to the 38th Street or US 136 exits. Both will provide access to Speedway parking.

I-465

From I-465 there are only three exits motorists can take to get to the Speedway.

Only Northbound traffic can take the 10th Street Exit to Lynhurst Drive where you will be directed north on Lynhurst. You can then choose off-street parking in the area, or continue north on Lynhurst Drive and join the traffic on US 136.

From I-465 Northbound and Southbound traffic can take US 136, Exit 16A. Vehicles will be sent in three directions but all will get to the track.

Any vehicles with parking permits for private lots west of the track must be in the right hand lane of US 136 in order to be directed east to Georgetown Road for parking.

All vehicles in the left lane of US 136 will be sent north on Lynhurst Drive where two lanes of traffic will form. At 25th Street, the right lane will be directed east on 25th to Meyers Avenue, then south on Meyers to McCray Street, east to Georgetown Road and in Gate 7 or to private parking in that area. The cars in the left lane of Lynhurst will continue north on Lynhurst, west on 26th Street, north on Moller Road, and east on 30th Street to parking in the Coca-Cola parking lot (Lot 1).

From I-465 Northbound and Southbound traffic can also take 38th Street east, Exit 17, and go south on Moller Road, then east on 30th Street to park in the Coca-Cola parking lot. If traffic on Moller is backed up, vehicles on 38th will be sent to Georgetown Road and then south to the Coke lot (Lot 1). 30th Street is a good alternative to other streets that fill up quickly.

Officers will be in contact with each other, traffic helicopters, and the track control tower via radio so they can determine what roads are backed up, and reroute traffic accordingly.

Be patient and follow officers' directions and any signs pointing out routes. Officers from the Indiana State Police, Speedway Police Department, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, and Motor Speedway Security will be directing traffic in and around the track.

Parking

Where you choose to park will determine the exit route you will be directed to take.

- park west of Lynhurst; you're likely to travel westbound on Crawfordsville Road or southbound on Lynhurst Drive [I-465 & I-70].
- park in the infield you would most likely travel eastbound on 30th Street toward I-65 or downtown Indianapolis.

- park in Gate 10 [North 40] after the race you will be directed eastbound on 30th Street toward I-65 or downtown Indianapolis.

- park south of the Speedway track or along 16th Street you will be directed eastbound on 16th Street toward I-65 or downtown Indianapolis, unless you travel southbound to 10th Street where you will be directed eastbound to Holt Road to I-70.

- park west of Main Street south of Crawfordsville Road you will be directed southbound on Lynhurst Drive toward I-70 or I-465.

- park in the Coke Plant (Lot 1), the variables include where you parked and when you leave. The most common traveled routes include northbound on Moller Road or High School Road or southbound on Georgetown Road. The destination would include I-465 or eastbound 16th Street to downtown Indianapolis.

Parking is available along almost every street that the officers will direct traffic. Very few parking spaces will be free. Prices could range from \$5 to \$20.

Drivers with special stickers for parking on the west side of the track are to use the right lane of US 136. Then you will be directed to Georgetown Road or to Winton Avenue, then north to 20th Street where you will find designated parking lots. If you have a parking pass or special placard, make sure it is prominently displayed so that officers directing traffic can clearly see it.

Leaving the Speedway

The Indiana State Police ask that not everyone leave the track immediately after the race. It would certainly be nicer to stay outside than be stuck in your car in a traffic jam. Remember, it took a long time to get all of those vehicles into the track and it will take a long time to get them out.

Everyone leaving the area of the Speedway needs to be aware of the fact that regardless of what direction they are sent, they will reach a main artery (Interstate System) within a distance of one to four miles. Officers will direct traffic out in the quickest, most efficient way. You should follow their directions. Be aware that routes may change because of traffic congestion. Follow the instructions you are given by the officers.

Other Transportation Options. . .

Some people won't want to drive their vehicles to the track. Taxis are available from downtown and Indianapolis International Airport for transportation to the track.

On race day there will be 400 licensed taxicabs operating in Marion County. These cabs will use the route for taxis and emergency vehicles. Fees are determined by the individual taxicab companies.

At this time there are not any buses scheduled to provide public transportation to and from the IMS on race day.